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Applicant: KOMMA et al. Examiner: LAVARIAS
Serial No.: 10/716,990 Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: November 18, 2003 Docket: 10873.1356US01
Title: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL LENS, OPTICAL HEAD
APPARATUS, OPTICAL INFORMATION APPARATUS, COMPUTER,
OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM PLAYER, CAR NAVIGATION
SYSTEM, OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM RECORDER, AND
OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM SERVER

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Please note that the Japanese publication JP2001-209966 and JP2000-260056 were previously cited and that the corresponding English publications were previously cited for JP2000-81566 and JP2000-163787, therefore these references are not cited herein.

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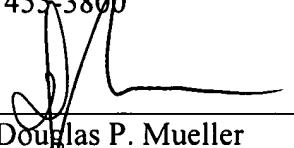
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 6,760,295	07/2004	Maruyama			
	US 6,834,036	12/2004	Shiono et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
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	JP 2000-260056	09/2000	Japan			Abstract / See IDS
	JP 2001-60336	03/2001	Japan			Abstract / See IDS
	JP 2001-43559	02/2001	Japan			Abstract
	JP 2001-6203	01/2001	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
		Japanese Office Action for the co-pending JP 2003-139347, mailed February 22, 2007.				
		Japanese Office Action for the co-pending JP 2004-366492, mailed February 27, 2007.				



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